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## How a bill becomes a law—



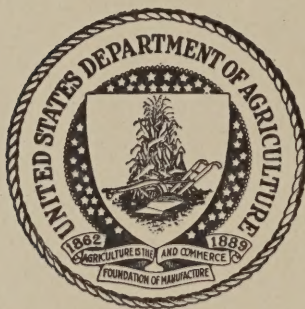
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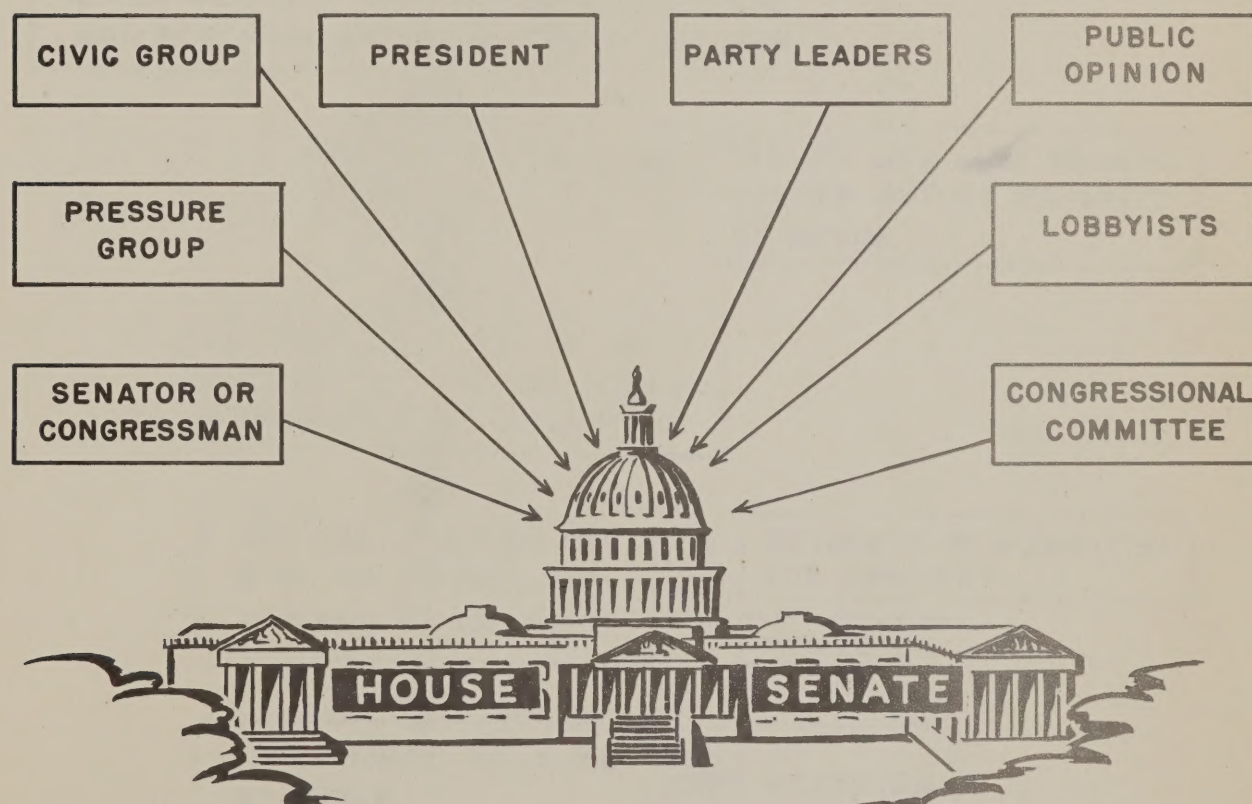
# A Bill's Beginnings

## ORIGIN

Bills are introduced in Congress by Senators and Congressmen. A bill may be written by the legislators themselves, or it may come as a recommendation from the President. Often bills are framed by congressional committees, or they may come as a proposal growing out of the needs of a group of citizens, or proposed by lobbyists or special groups. When a bill is written in correct legal form, it may be introduced in the House or the Senate, except that all revenue bills must originate in the House.



*Here is the path "Bill" takes in going through Congress:*



Public opinion, in a democracy, is so powerful that members of Congress are influenced to pass or kill a bill according to the wishes of the people. The discussion at social gatherings, 4-H Club meetings, or even at the post office is all part of this public opinion which influences the passing of laws.

# A Brief History of the World

The world has a long and complex history, with many different cultures and civilizations. The earliest known human settlements were in the Tigris and Euphrates valleys, where the Sumerians and Babylonians lived. The Greeks and Romans were also important civilizations, and their influence is still felt today. The Middle Ages saw the rise of the Islamic world, and the Renaissance brought about a new era of learning and discovery. The modern world was shaped by the Industrial Revolution, which brought about the invention of the steam engine and the development of modern industry. The world is now a global village, with people from all over the world living and working together.

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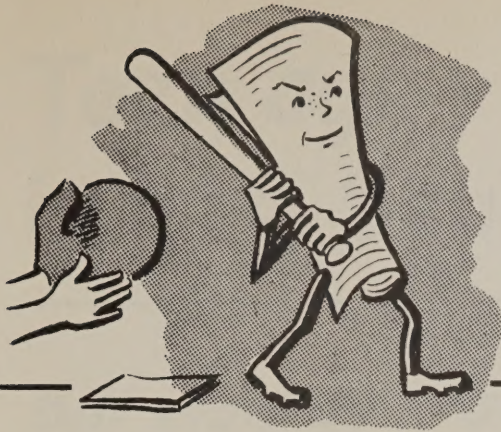
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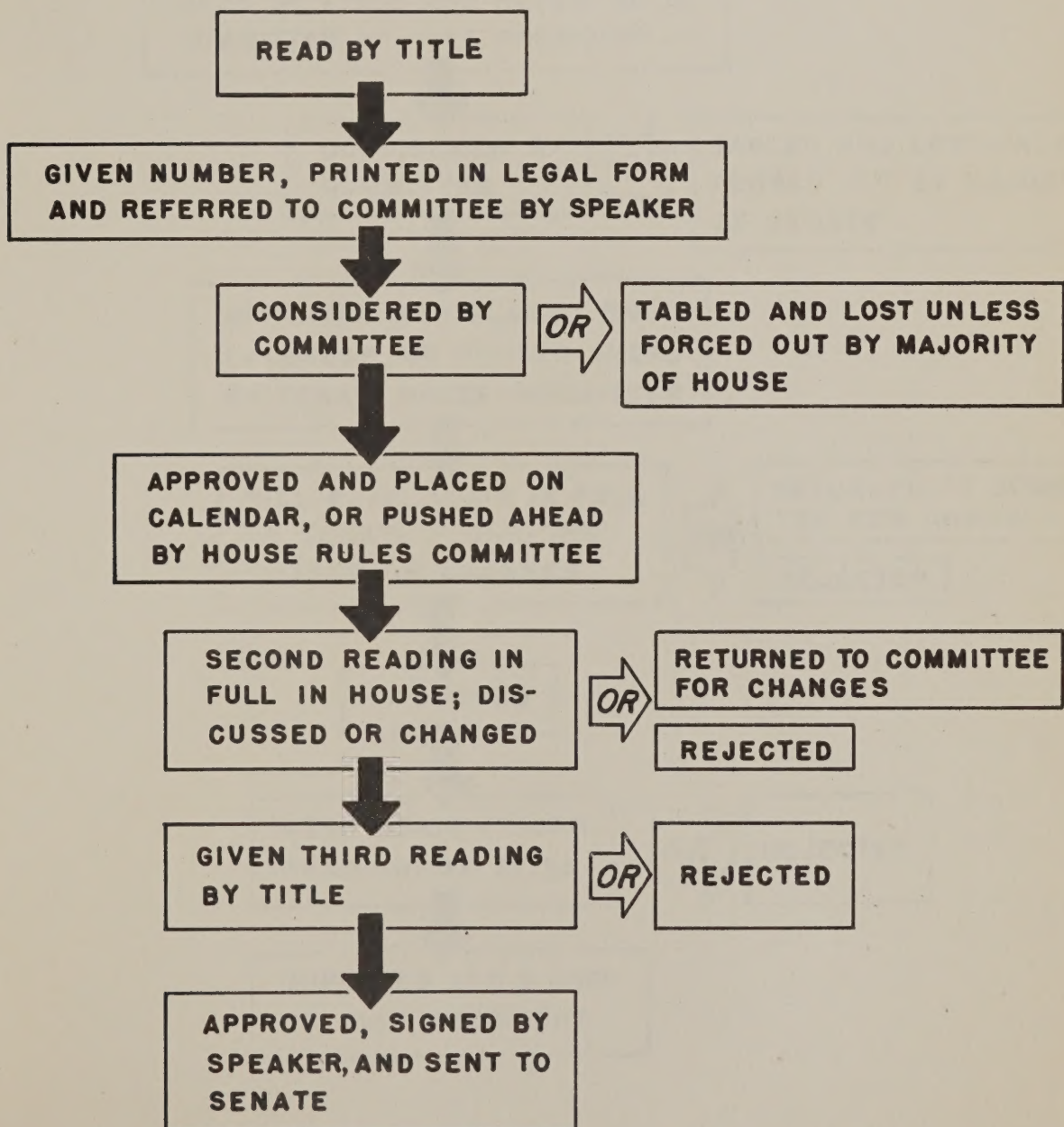
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# Bill's Early Life - in the House

*Here is the way Bill goes:*



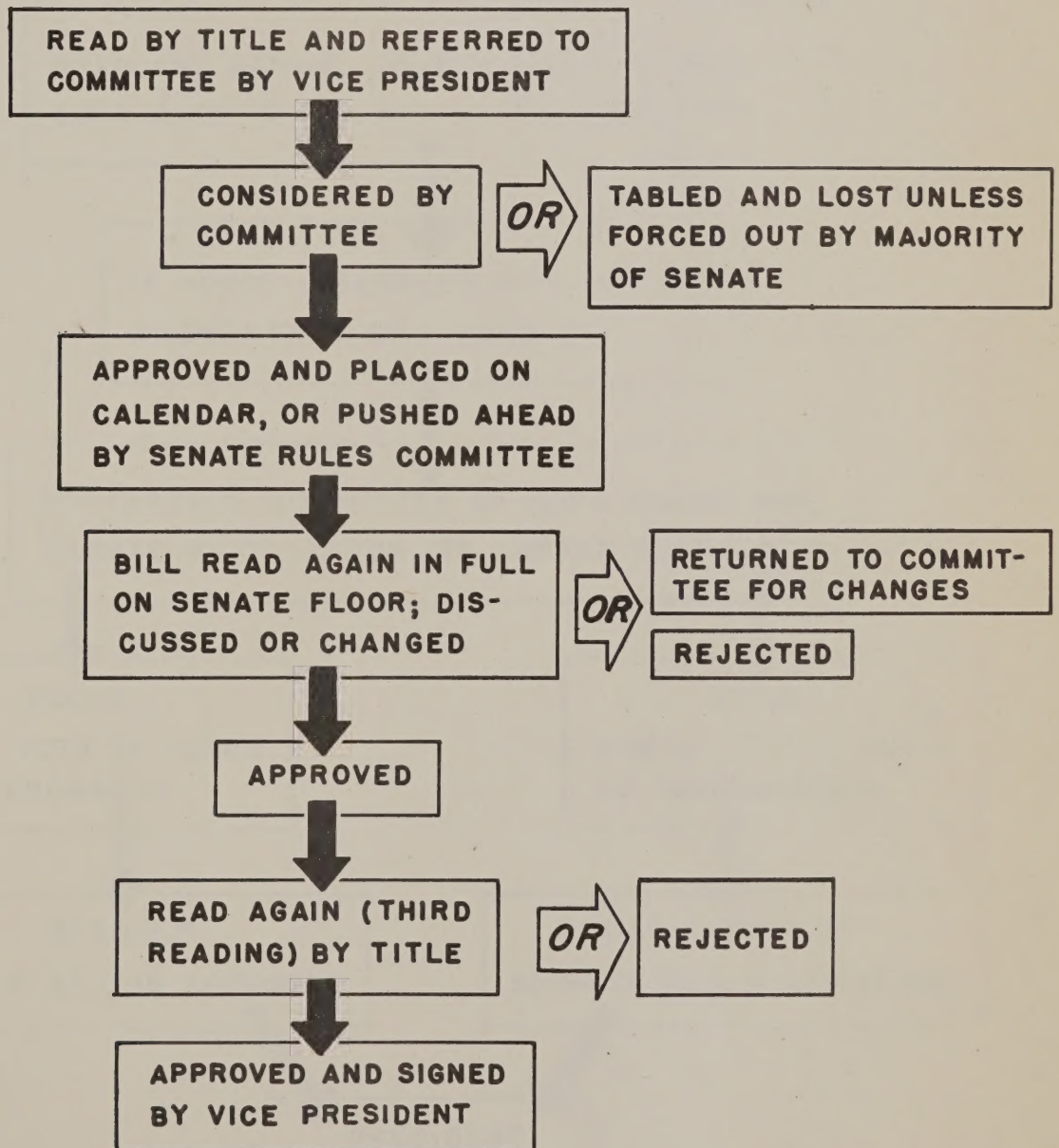




# Teen age - in the Senate

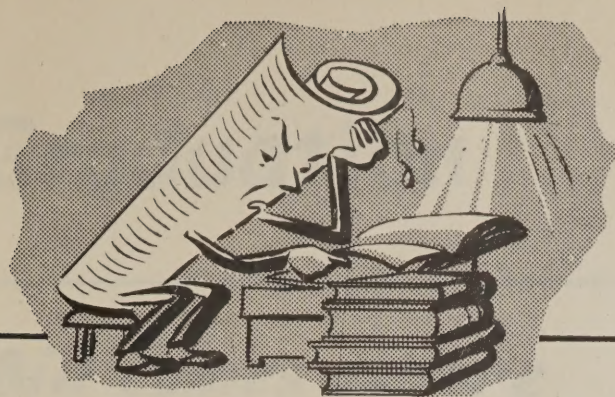


*Bill may go many places -*



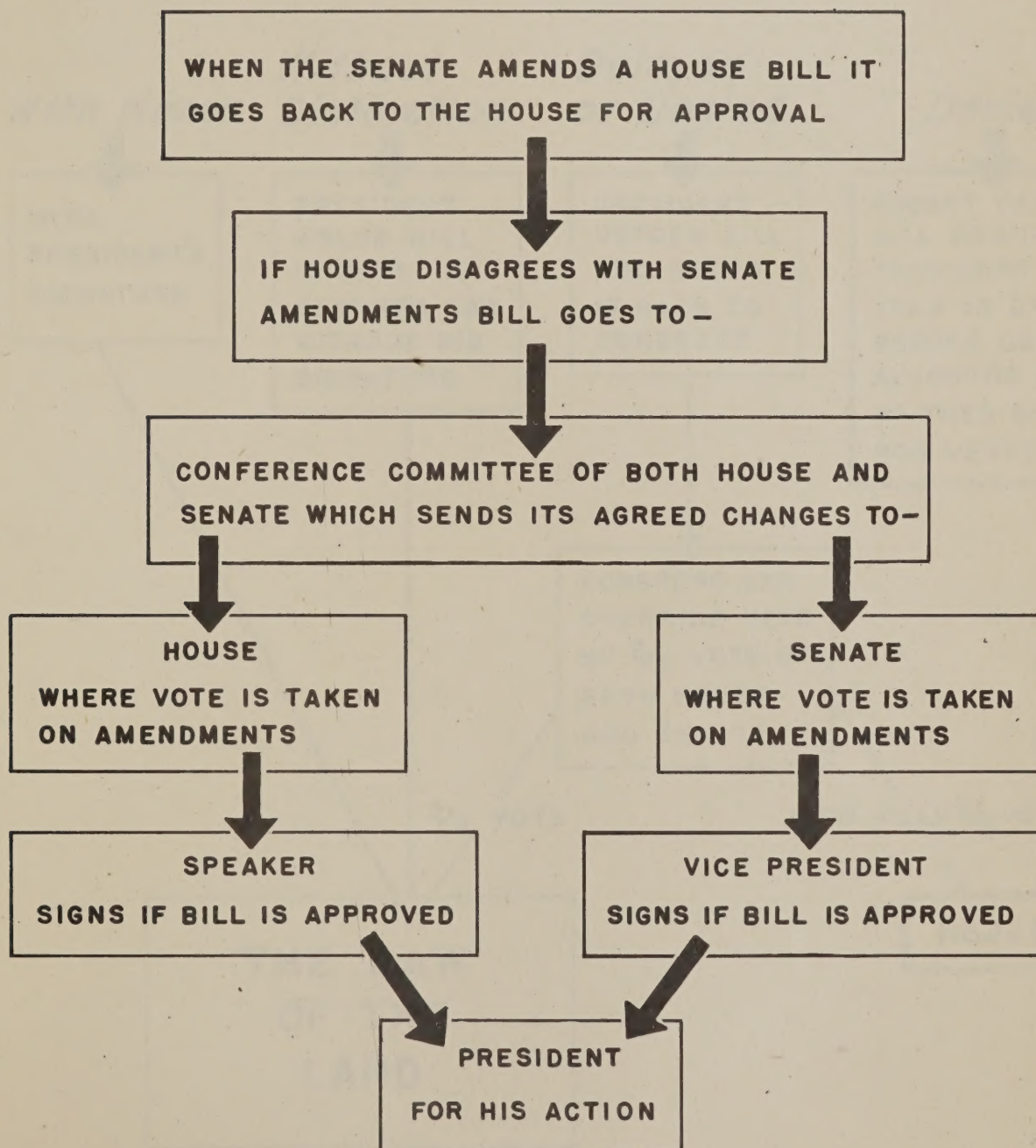






# Final Exams

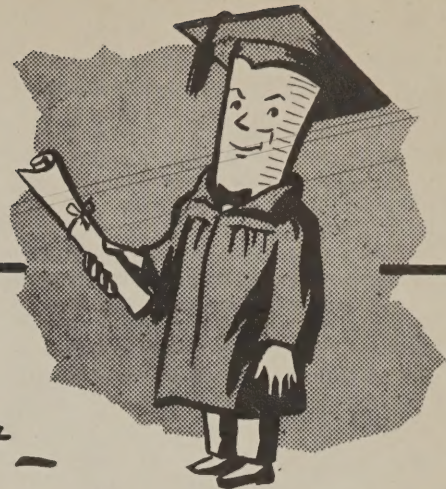
*Will Bill pass?*







# Graduation



*Bill comes before  
the President -*

